

Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, FCC; former Representative Steve Largent of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3817, Investor Protection Act of 2009.

COPENHAGEN AND BEYOND: IS THERE A SUCCESSOR TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Copenhagen and Beyond: Is There a Successor to the Kyoto Protocol? Testimony was heard from Todd D. Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Department of State; former Senator Timothy E. Wirth, State of Colorado; Eileen Claussen, former Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3224, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland, and for other purposes; H.R. 2843, Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2009; H.R. 3489, To amend the Help America Vote Act of 1972 to prohibit State election officials from accepting a challenge to an individual's eligibility to register to vote in an election for Federal office or to vote in an election for Federal office in a jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual resides in a household in the jurisdiction which is subject to foreclosure proceedings or that the jurisdiction was adversely affected by a hurricane or other major disaster, and for other purposes; and, as amended, H.R. 3542, State Admission Day Recognition Act of 2009.

The Committee also agreed to the following: Committee Resolution (111–6), to adopt voucher documentation standards; and Committee Resolution (111–7), to prohibit text messaging while driving on official business.

USA PATRIOT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Began consideration of H.R. 3845, USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

INDIAN LAND TRUSTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3742, To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 3697, To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Arcuri and Cole; Donald Laverdure, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN SAMOA RESOURCES—EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 3583, American Samoa Protection of Industry, Resources, and Employment Act. Testimony was heard from Togiola T. A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND AWARENESS ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation favorably approved for full Committee action the Cybersecurity Coordination and Awareness Act.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ESTATE TAX

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Small Businesses and the Estate Tax: Identifying Reforms to Meet the Needs of Small Firms and Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report on Water Resources Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from Nanci E. Gelb, Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water, EPA; Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; John Hanger, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of